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NEW CHARGES MADE AGAINST PELLETIER

WHITE RIVER TOO MUCH FOR NEWPORT FIVE

Hanley, Big Junction Center, Plays Leading Role In 28-21 Downfall

White River Junction hammered its way through the lighter American Legion Company L five for a 28-21 victory on the armory court Tuesday evening, in the fastest contest seen in Newport this season.

At no time during the forty minutes of play did either side hold a decisive lead. The local quintet was ahead for part of the first half, but the visitors gradually crept by through the work of Stewart, and they were never headed again.

Report presented their regular line-up with one exception. Coach Maloney's shoes were capably filled by Sam Davis.

White River got into the lead in the first moments of play by two long one-handers, contributed by Couture and Hanley respectively. The next few seconds brought the fans to their feet in short order. Sam Davis dropped a spectacular ringer through for two points. Bigelow then cut loose for a series of three shots that were hair-raising. Two clean ones from the center and a one hander out of the crowd, all within a minute, giving the Border City boys the lead 8-4.

Simpson and Stewart got away in the latter part of the half for five counts, thus wrestling the lead from Newport. Bigelow now used to sink to more leaving the score 14-12 in favor of White River at the close of the first half.

Lew Wachter failed to register a single counter while he was on the floor. A man under the name of Cooper replaced Wachter during the second stanza, but the fan called him Chick Burch of St. Johnsbury, and he also failed to earn a point.

The second half was achieved in a basket by Stewart. Bigelow followed with one for the local quintet. When Hanley took up quarters beneath his own goal and succeeded in dropping five easy ones through the hoop, giving the visitors the game. White River scored seven goals in the last 20 minutes against four for Newport.

White River, 28
G F T F
Wachter, if 0 0 2
Cooper, if 0 0 0
Simpson, if 2 0 0
Hanley, c 6 0 0
Couture, if 2 0 0
Stewart, if 4 0 1
14 0 3

A. L. Co. L, 21
G F T F
Keith, if 0 0 1
Jones, if 1 0 1
Davis, c 2 0 0
Kennon, if 0 0 0
Bigelow, if 7 0 0
10 0 2

Reference, Aubrey Akin. Timer, Harley Stevens. Scorer, Walter Kipp. Time 2-20 minute halves.

Hold Races at Lyndonville

The result of the races held on the speedway at Lyndonville on Saturday are as follows:
CLASS A
Dorothy Wilson, Lee 1 1
Peter Arion, Ladd 2 2
Time 32, 32.

CLASS B
Z. C. E. McShane 2 1 1
Clara Wilkes, Brown 1 2 2
Time 34, 35.

CLASS C
Tommy Hayes, Davis 1 1 1
Benjamin W. Lapoint 2 2 2
Time 34, 34.

CLASS D
George D. Pierce 1 1 2
Pratt, Smith 2 2 1
Time 37, 36, 37, 37.

CLASS E
Burkley Boy, Darling 1 1
Eam, Christopher 2 2
Time 41, 36.

FRANCE TO RENEW SUBMARINE CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—France's last word on the question of submarine tonnage, a reiteration of her claim as set forth last week by her naval experts, will be delivered today to the arms conference, it is said by members of the French delegation as they went into today's meeting of the conference naval committee. Reports that there might be further discussion of the subject with a view to persuading France to move down her claims, was described by members of the delegation as "a joke."

MUMPH!!



HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LOUIS P. AUBIN

High Mass of Requiem Sung at St. Mary's Church at Newport

Impressive funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic church Tuesday morning at 9:30 for the late Louis Phillip Aubin, High mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Norbert Lachance, assisted by Rev. Hector Morin, D. D. of St. Hyacinthe College and Rev. Alfred Couture. Special music was rendered by a male quartet, J. H. Bonneau, J. A. Gendron, J. A. Lambert and J. R. Lefebvre.

The bearers were J. A. Aiken, Phillip Aubin, J. A. Lefebvre, Leo Lefebvre, B. A. Charlestown and Oscar J. Prouty. Quantities of beautiful flowers from many friends and relatives were mute testimony of high and sincere regard and loving sympathy. The Catholic Order of Foresters and the Order of St. Jean de Baptiste were represented in large numbers. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in the Catholic cemetery.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Bailey and Miss Helen Aubin of Nashua, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. James Cosgrove and J. F. Hinch of St. Johnsbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lefebvre and son and Leo Lefebvre of Waterford, P. Q., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Prouty of St. Albans, Mr. B. A. Charlestown and Mrs. Joseph Parais of Montreal.

Mr. Aubin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rosina Aubin and a large family of children, Mrs. Raymond Lefebvre of Waterford, P. Q., sister Marie Labelle of the Order of St. Joseph San Francisco, Mrs. Oscar J. Prouty of St. Albans, the Misses Alice, Elizabeth and Blanch Aubin of this city, also sons J. A. Aubin, J. R. Aubin and Phillip all of Newport. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Charles P. Bailey, Mrs. S. Hammel and Miss Helen Aubin of Nashua, N. H., and one brother, Alphonse Aubin of Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Aubin and her son Phillip will in a few days return to their winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

St. Johnsbury Nimrod Kills Black Bear

A large 111 pound black bear was the Christmas day victim of Roy Fisher, an 18 year old St. Johnsbury boy, who went forth in quest of foxes Mr. Fisher was one of a party of four who started out with fox hounds. The hounds soon lost track of the fox, as the quartet of hunters came upon a hole.

They looked within and saw there a huge bear. A shot from Mr. Fisher's rifle hit the animal between the eyes and killed him instantly. The bear was dragged three miles back to St. Johnsbury. The hunting party included Harry and Lemuel Fisher and Willis Emory. Roy Fisher is employed in St. Johnsbury.

TOWN FOREST FOR ST. JOHNSBURY PROPOSED

The regular January meeting of the Woman's club will be held Tuesday evening, January 3, in the Athenaeum hall. The program is as follows: 7:30 to 8:00, business meeting. 8:00 to 9:00, the contest of the month, the most thrilling played on the Montpelier court this season.

Coach Burch will spend his men into the contest, determined to win, and a tip and tuck, rapid fire game will follow. The local boys will go the limit to see that their state of games won on the local court is kept spotlessly clean. As yet, the League Company D basketballers have not been defeated on their own court this season.

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MONTPELIER BIG FEATURE ON THURSDAY

Legion-Co. D Quintet Determined to Even Up 27 to 10 Score

Another rare athletic treat will be offered the basketball fans of St. Johnsbury Thursday evening, when the highly touted Capital City Five from Montpelier invades the ballroom of the American Legion-Company D quintet. The contest promises to be fully as fast as the White River game, in fact the Capital City Five has defeated that team on the Montpelier court, winning by a close score, over the opposition, then playing under the name of Windsor.

At Montpelier a week ago today the Capital City Five defeated the American Legion-Company D quintet by the score of 27 to 10. Fans declared the contest one of the most thrilling played on the Montpelier court this season.

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At this meeting it is hoped that a report may be given by the committee chosen at the town meeting last year to investigate the desirability of St. Johnsbury buying a town forest for reforesting the rocky portions of the town farm. Plan ahead and arrange to save Tuesday evening for attendance upon this program arranged free of charge to the public, in the interests of forestry, a subject which concerns either directly or indirectly every citizen of the state.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF CHINAMAN

Body of Sam Wah Shows Evidence of Blow On Head

A tragedy of the double holiday came to light at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening when Officer Tom Wallace found the dead body of Sam Wah, St. Johnsbury's well-known Chinese laundryman, dead on the floor in the back room of his basement laundry in the Scott block on Railroad street. The cause of his death will be determined at an autopsy which will be conducted Wednesday afternoon by Dr. Whitney of Burlington of the State Board of Health.

The last seen of him alive was Sunday afternoon when he returned from Sherburne's restaurant where he often took his meals. As Monday was a holiday and all the stores closed, little attention was paid to the laundry, though Eugene Dauphin, who lives in the Scott block, recalls that he saw a light in Sam Wah's shop about 6 o'clock Monday night. This would seem to fix the time of the tragedy later that evening, as when the body was found it was evident that he had been dead some hours. Ferdinand J. Nadeau, who runs the Shu-fu establishment in the adjoining room, noticed that his shoe shop was colder than usual when he opened up Tuesday morning and merely thought the Chinaman's fire had gone out.

Philip Racette, proprietor of the Railroad Street Press, noticed that the bundles of laundry had begun to accumulate in front of Sam Wah's door about 7:30 Tuesday evening told Officer Wallace that he was afraid something had happened there. Mr. Wallace thought it was worth investigating and went to the police station for a flash light. Returning he entered Mr. Nadeau's shop and from the back room removed some paper that covered a hole in the wall once used for a chimney and flashed his light upon the back room of the laundry. Seeing the dead body on the floor he immediately notified Chief Finley, Sheriff Worthen and States Attorney Campbell who quickly reported to the spot. According to law the policemen were notified and Frank N. Carr also arrived soon after the officers.

Sam Wah lay flat on his back with his head near the little stove. The stocking was removed on his right leg, both hands and the stove poker lay on the floor near his head and hands. The latter indicated that he had placed his hands to his head after his injury. There were traces of blood around the room and some blood on the floor. There was no evidence of anything having been disturbed in either room aside from the poker which lay on the floor and the partial removal of Sam Wah's clothing.

Various conjectures were made by those who were present when the body was found as to how the man met his death. One man believed that he fell against the sharp edge of the stove, receiving an injury which resulted in his death. With the indications that he had received a blow on the head the majority of those present inclined to the belief that he was the victim of foul play. They thought that he had been deliberately killed for his money or that some one struck him after some altercation. It is known that he kept quite a little money in various parts of the room and that he also saved his money into the clothes that he wore. Only the request will reveal the cause of his death and if it was the result of an assault it will be difficult to locate his assailant.

Sam Wah was the only Chinese resident in St. Johnsbury and had operated a laundry here for 35 years. He was born in North China 76 years ago and was a familiar figure on our street. He could speak but little English but was shrewd enough to accumulate quite a little money and was a hardworking laundryman. He was quite sociable at times, expressing himself in "Pigson" English and used to enjoy buying fruit and candy and giving it away in front of his little shop to the children.

State's Attorney Campbell locked the laundry up after the preliminary investigation and immediately notified the state authorities at Burlington. The body was not touched nor anything in the room disturbed, pending the autopsy which will be conducted under the direction of Dr. Whitney.

This afternoon a minute examination of the body was made.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE TOTALS 28061

St. Johnsbury Falls Below Fine Record of Other Years

The record of Christmas Seals as sold in St. Johnsbury and the rural schools is now in and is as follows: Summer Street schools, Junior High teams of boys and girls with James Cosgrove and Laura Shields as leaders \$120.91. Of these Laura Shields sold the most, \$11.05. Other schools on Summer street: Mrs. Beck's \$2.25; Miss Peck's, \$1.68; Miss Tompkins', \$1.05; Mrs. Ranney's, 77c; Mrs. Jones, 51c. Of these John Grant sold 50c, Miss Gitchell, \$1.85. Portland Street school, Mrs. Birch, principal, teams of boys and girls \$26.77, of these Meierie Capin sold the most, \$3.00. Other schools at Portland street, \$6.86, making a total of \$33.63. Miss Fitts, \$2.78 of these Thelma Tucker sold 81c; Mrs. Abbott's, \$2.05. Maple street, Miss Jenness, teacher, \$1; Miss Manchester, teacher, \$1.

St. Johnsbury Center, Miss White, teacher, \$9; East St. Johnsbury, Miss Smith, teacher, \$10. Here there were ten children who took part: Helen Ramage sold \$2; Bible Hill school, Miss Florence Goss, teacher, \$3.80; Waterford, Mrs. Louise Renick, teacher, \$3.34; Four Corners, Mrs. J. A. McFarland, teacher, \$4.05; Thomas Moore, sold \$2; Pierre's Mills, Miss Lois Ham, teacher \$2; Charles Leclerc sold \$1; Goss Hollow, Miss Chaffee, teacher \$1; Dorothy Burgess sold \$1.20; Stark school, Miss Ayer, teacher, \$5.

Testimony Given Regarding Failure To Prosecute \$15,000 Embezzlement Case

Case Against Merrill W. Shute Was Not Prossed After He Confessed He Was Guilty of Crime

(By the Associated Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Counsel for Dist. Atty. Joseph C. Pelletier were victors today in a minor skirmish which marked the opening of the second day of the hearing before the supreme court on charges of misconduct on which a request for his removal has been made by Atty. Gen. J. Weston Allen.

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Senator Reed objected to the introduction of evidence in this case and asserted that similar charges were found insufficient to warrant investigation by the legislature in 1917. The court directed the Attorney General to proceed.

H. H. Patten, the first witness, testified that he laid the facts surrounding the embezzlement before Dist. Atty. Pelletier. The latter, the witness said, told him that George E. Thompson of Bangor, wanted to be heard from before there was any indictment. Subsequently the witness appeared before the grand jury at Mr. Pelletier's request and Shute was indicted. A copy of the indictment and subsequent proceedings in the criminal court were offered in evidence by the State. The papers showed that Shute was arrested in the December 1915, released on \$5,000 bonds and that the case was finally not pressed by the Dist. Atty. on November 16, 1916.

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NORTHERN SINN FEINERS VOTE FOR PEACE TREATY

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